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WE CLAIM:

 A non-radioactive, isolated, Lipid II compound of the following formula:

wherein:

A is a hydrogen or a carboxyl group;

Ac is -C(O)CH3; and

 W^{\star} is each independently a proton or cation selected from the group consisting of an alkali metal, alkaline earth metal, ammonium, alkyl ammonium, and dialkyl ammonium.

An isolated Lipid II compound having a purity greater than or equal to 50% of the following formula:

wherein:

A is a hydrogen or a carboxyl group;

Ac is $-C(0)CH_3$; and

 W^{*} is each independently a proton or cation selected from the group consisting of an alkali metal, alkaline earth metal, ammonium, alkyl ammonium, and dialkyl ammonium.

- The isolated Lipid II compound of Claim 2, wherein said Lipid II compound has a purity greater than or equal to 60%.
- 4. The isolated Lipid II compound of Claim 2, wherein said Lipid II compound has a purity greater than or equal to 15 70%.
 - 5. The isolated Lipid II compound of Claim 2, wherein said Lipid II compound has a purity greater than or equal to 80%.

6. The isolated Lipid II compound of Claim 2, wherein said Lipid II compound has a purity greater than or equal to 90%.

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7. The isolated Lipid II compound of Claim 2, wherein said Lipid II compound has a purity greater than or equal to 95%.

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8. The isolated Lipid II compound of Claim 2, wherein said Lipid II compound has a purity greater than or equal to 98%.

9. The isolated Lipid II compound of Claim 2, wherein said Lipid II compound has a purity greater than or equal to 99%.

- 10. The isolated Lipid II compound of Claim 2, wherein said Lipid II compound has a purity greater than or equal to 99.5%.
- 11. A process for preparing a Lipid II compound, comprising:
- (1) providing a protected disaccharide core of formula
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(2) introducing an anomeric phosphate to form a compound of formula 12

(3) introducing a polypeptide linkage to form a compound of formula 7a

$$\begin{array}{c} Pg^{\circ}O & AchN & Pg^{\circ}O \\ Pg^{\circ}O & O & AchN & O & POPg^{6} \\ \hline Pg^{\circ}O & O & O & O \\ \hline Pg^{\circ}O & O & O & O \\ \hline Pg^{\circ}O & O & O & O \\ \hline Pg^{\circ}O & O & O & O \\ \hline Pg^{\circ}O & O & O & O \\ \hline NH & NHPg^{7} & O & O \\ \hline NH & NHPg^{7} & O & O \\ \hline Ta & O & O & O \\ \hline \end{array}$$

(4) introducing an undecaprenyl diphosphate linkage to form a compound of formula 8a

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 $(5) \quad \text{removing Pg0, Pg3, Pg7, and Pg8 to form said Lipid II compound; }$

wherein:

A is hydrogen or a carboxyl group;

R² is methyl;

Ac is -C(O)CH₃;

Pg⁰ is an acyl hydroxy-protecting group;

Pg³ is an acyl hydroxy-protecting group;

Pg⁴ is a carboxy-protecting group;

Pg⁵ is a hydroxy-protecting group;

Pg⁶ is a phosphate protecting group;

Pg⁷ is an amine-protecting group;

Pg⁸ is a carboxy-protecting group;

- 13. A process for isolating Lipid II comprising isolating said Lipid II at a pH greater than 6.
- \$14.\$ The process of Claim 13 wherein said pH is between $$5\,$ 6 and 12.
 - 15. The process of Claim 14 wherein said pH is between 7 and 10.
- 10 16. The process of Claim 15 wherein said pH is between 7 and 9.
 - 17. The process of Claim 13, wherein said Lipid II has a purity greater than or equal to 50%.
 - 18. The process of Claim 13, wherein said Lipid II has a purity greater than or equal to 60%.
- 19. The process of Claim 13, wherein said Lipid II has 20 a purity greater than or equal to 70%.
 - 20. The process of Claim 13, wherein said Lipid II has a purity greater than or equal to 80%.
- 25 21. The process of Claim 13, wherein said Lipid II has a purity greater than or equal to 90%.

- 22. The process of Claim 13, wherein said Lipid II has a purity greater than or equal to 95%.
- 5 23. The process of Claim 13, wherein said Lipid II has a purity greater than or equal to 98%.
 - 24. The process of Claim 13, wherein said Lipid II has a purity greater than or equal to 99%.
 - 25. A process for preparing a Lipid substrate, comprising:
 - (1) providing a protected disaccharide of formula 14

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15 (2) introducing an anomeric phosphate to form a compound of formula 12

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(3) introducing a peptide linkage to form a compound of formula 7

(4) introducing a lipid-carrier diphosphate linkage to form a compound of formula 2

(5) removing the Pg^0 and Pg^3 groups and deprotecting the P group to produce a lipid substrate of formula 1

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wherein:

Ac is $-C(0)CH_3$;

 ${\rm Pg^0}$ is an acyl hydroxy-protecting group;

Pg³ is an acyl hydroxy-protecting group;

Pg4 is a carboxy-protecting group;

Pg⁵ is a hydroxy-protecting group;

Pg⁶ is a phosphate-protecting group;

 $\mbox{\ensuremath{R}}^2$ is hydrogen, (C1-C5) alkyl or (C1-C3)

alkylphenyl;

X is a lipid carrier;

P attached to the carbonyl is a residue of an amino acid or peptide, wherein P comprises a protected terminal carboxy group; and

P' is a residue of an amino acid or peptide.

26. A Lipid substrate prepared by the process of Claim 25.

27. A lipid II analog of formula 1

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wherein:

Ac is $-C(O)CH_3$;

 \mbox{Pg}^{0} is an acyl hydroxy-protecting group;

Pg3 is an acyl hydroxy-protecting group;

Pg4 is a carboxy-protecting group;

Pg⁵ is a hydroxy-protecting group;

 Pg^6 is a phosphate-protecting group;

 R^2 is hydrogen, (C_1-C_5) alkyl or (C_1-C_3)

alkylphenyl;

X is a lipid carrier;

P attached to the carbonyl is a residue of an amino acid or peptide, wherein P comprises a protected terminal carboxy group; and

P' is a residue of an amino acid or peptide.